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Via ECF

Hon. Lorna G. Schofield  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. BNP Paribas S.A., 14 Cr. 00460 (LGS)

Dear Judge Schofield:

We respectfully submit this letter to request an adjournment of the sentencing date in the above-referenced matter. The current sentencing date is set for December 5, 2014. As you know, BNP Paribas S.A. (“BNPP” or the “Bank”) has filed an application for a prohibited transaction exemption with the United States Department of Labor (“DoL”) requesting that BNPP, along with its subsidiaries and affiliates, be allowed to continue to be qualified as a Qualified Professional Asset Manager pursuant to Prohibited Transactions Exemption 84-14 (the “QPAM Exemption”). If the QPAM exemption is not in place prior to sentencing in this matter, BNPP will lose its QPAM status immediately upon sentencing. BNPP has sought this exemption in the most expeditious way possible, but the DoL has not yet made a decision about the Bank’s application, and we do not know when it will do so.

We therefore respectfully request that the current sentencing date be adjourned for 60 days to February 3, 2015. The original date for the sentencing in this matter was October 3, 2014. There was one previous request for adjournment of the sentencing date in this matter, and it was granted. We have communicated regarding this issue with the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York and the Department of Justice, and they have informed us that they consent to the adjournment.

Hon. Lorna G. Schofield

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Please let us know if you have any questions or require additional information about this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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